(e) and (f) Yes Sir,. In this regard, a meeting was held on 5.3.2007 in the Ministry of Agriculture. The Government has not considered the request.

Application of ID Act 1947 to SBC, Visakhapatnam

1779. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1716 dated 29th August, 2007 and State:

(a) whether Contractor/Sub-contractor like L&T, Lodka, Ultra Dimensions, Neo Power, Rantech, Bharat Steel, etc., are engaged in fabrication and other jobs within SBC;

(b) if so, whether the jobs entrusted to the private parties are treated as "interest of national security"; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Target for textile exports

†1780. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set textiles export target of around 25 billion Dollar for the years 2007-08;

(b) if so, the steps taken to achieve this target;

(c) whether it is a fact that traders of readymade garment sector are facing problems; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to solve these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have set a target for exports of textiles at USD 25.06 billion for the financial year 2007-08.

(b) Various steps have been taken by the Government for the growth of textiles industry, which include:—

(i) 100% Foreign Direct Investment is allowed in the textiles sector under the automatic route.

(ii) The Government has de-reserved readymade garments, hosiery and knitwear from the Small Scale Industry (SSI) sector.

(iii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1.4.1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector. The TUFS has been extended beyond 31.3.2007 and has been modified in consultation with the industry and approved by the Competent Authority w.e.f. 1st November 2007. The Scheme is now in operation. For the speedy modernisation of the textiles processing sector, Government has introduced, w.e.f. 20.4.2005, a credit linked capital subsidy scheme @10% under TUFS, in addition to the existing 5% interest reimbursement.

(iv) A new "Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks" has been formulated by merging the "Scheme for Apparel Parks for Exports" and the "Textiles Centre Infrastructure

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.